



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

INTENT TO REISSUE A CORRECTIVE ACTION PERMIT

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2004
Time: 6:30 p.m. (Central)
Location: South Memphis Senior Citizens Center
1620 Marjorie St., Memphis, TN

Public Comment Period: Aug. 13 to Sept. 27, 2004

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) will conduct a public hearing on September 21, 2004, to receive comment on TDEC's proposal to reissue a permit for corrective action to the U.S. Department of Army, owner of the former Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee (DDMT), and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the permit operator. The permit will include conditions for continuation of corrective action of solid waste management units and areas of concern.

The hazardous waste storage permit for the former DDMT was originally issued jointly by TDEC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on September 28, 1990. The permitted storage unit was never constructed and that portion of the permit was terminated on October 22, 1998. However, the corrective action portion of the permit remained in effect, including the requirement to reapply.

On March 31, 2004, the DLA submitted an application to TDEC to renew the corrective action permit. (TDEC has received full authority, in lieu of EPA, to regulate corrective action at the former DDMT.)

The draft permit identifies known solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) at the former DDMT. The owner and operator (permittee) shall be required to investigate any releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents pursuant to this permit, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in a unit, and to take appropriate corrective action for any such releases. All corrective action under this permit is deferred to, and being performed under, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process.

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If issued, this permit renewal will continue to cover all applicable corrective action conditions under the authority of the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1977, as amended, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-212-101, et seq. and Tennessee Rule Chapter 1200-1-11, Hazardous Waste Management. The permit is prepared in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1200-1-11-.07.

The permit, once issued, will be valid for 10 years, unless terminated upon approval of the Commissioner. The permittee shall submit an annual update for any newly identified SWMU(s) and AOC(s), or for existing units, whenever there is a change in the status of a unit or area.

Copies of DDMT's application, the draft permit and a detailed fact sheet are available for public inspection at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library - Cherokee Branch, 3300 Sharpe Ave. These materials are also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the TDEC Memphis Environmental Assistance Center, Public Access Area, Perimeter Park, 2510 Mt. Moriah, Suite E-645 (Ph: 901-368-7939).

A 45-day comment period is required under the Hazardous Waste Management Act. The public comment period will begin on August 13, 2004, and will end on September 27, 2004.

TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS or obtain further information on this proposed action, please contact:

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Comments will also be received at the public meeting on September 21, 2004.

All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on September 27, 2004, to assure consideration. After considering all public comments received, the DSWM Director will issue a final permit decision and a Response to Comments.

For additional technical information on the environmental program at the former DDMT, contact Mr. Michael A. Dobbs, Environmental Manager, Defense Distribution Center. Phone (901) 774-3683 or write to Mr. Dobbs by E-mail at Michael.dobbs@dla.mil or by mail at 2163 Airways Blvd., Building 144, Memphis, TN 38114.

If you wish to be included on TDEC's (DSWM) mailing list, please request a Mailing List Request form by contacting: Public Participation Officer; Division of Solid Waste Management; Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; 5th Floor, L&C Tower; 401 Church St.; Nashville, TN 37243-1535. Phone 615-532-0798 or E-mail Solid.Waste@state.tn.us.